

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA**

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BIO TOURISM .
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Government proposes to promote bio-tourism;
- (b) If so, the details thereof;
- (c) Whether the Government has surveyed important places of Gujarat to improve them as bio-tourism destinations; and
- (d) If so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

(a) and (b) : Biospheres such as Nanda Devi Biosphere in Uttaranchal, Silent Valley in Kerala, etc. have a very delicate eco-system. Popularising and Promotion of mass tourism to such regions will affect ecological balance of the region. However, National Parks and Wildlife Sanctuaries in the country which also form part of Bio-systems are promoted both in the domestic and international markets as Eco-Tourism products.

(c) and (d) : Surveys on destinations are undertaken by the State Government concerned. Ministry of Tourism, Government of India provides central financial assistance for improvement of facilities at tourist destinations in the States/UTs on the basis of proposals received from State Government/UT.